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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1889.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 4,400,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF 7,500,000.

PROPRIETORS
COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
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MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
at the rate of 3 per cent. per Annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1889. 18

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £3,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £ 580,000.

LONDON:

Head Office 40, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office 15, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.

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ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
a per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT:
For the convenience of those returning to
European Agency Department has been added to
the ordinary business of the Bank for the trans-
action of Personal Agency of every description.
Pay and Pensions collected.

Baggage cleared, warehoused or forwarded.

Insurances effected.

Circular Notes and Letters of Credit issued.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

RULES
OF THE
HONGKONG SAVINGS
BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1,000 MORE THAN
\$250 at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having \$100, or more, at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented
with each payment, or withdrawal.
Deposit must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOK, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, or marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made demand-
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and
the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. 19

NOTICE.

JEYE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JEYE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale
of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and
are prepared to supply quantities to suit
purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special
terms for Shipping and Large Orders.

See ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.E., Chief
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board,
London says:

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, 1st June, 1889. 17

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

BROWN RUSSIA BOOTS and SHOES.
RED RUSSIA BOOTS and SHOES.
BROWN CALF BOOTS and SHOES.
GLOVE KID BOOTS and SHOES.
PATENT LEATHER BOOTS and SHOES.
SATIN LINED DANCING PUMPS.
TENNIS SHOES.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

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Hongkong, 11th October, 1889

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

JUST LANDED

IN SPLENDID CONDITION, THE FOLLOWING BRANDS

OF

FRESH CIGARETTES.

SWEET CAPORALS.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUTS.

FULL DRESS STRAIGHT CUTS.

VIRGINIA BRIGHTS.

RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUTS.

LITTLE BEAUTIES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, 21st September 1889

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING GOODS,
FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON.

UNDERSHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS, JERSEYS, ROWING, FOOT BALL and POLO
SINGLETS.
NEW OXFORD and FRENCH PRINT SHIRTINGS.
NEW CALCUTTA CLOTHS for SHIRTS and PYJAMAS.
THE LATEST COLLARS, SCARFS and CRAVATS.
NEW FELT HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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Hongkong, 30th September, 1889

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

EX "SARPEDON" AND "PESHAWUR."

NEW Shades of Cashmeres, and Dress Materials, Plushes and Velvets, Silks, Satins, Broches
and Moirés, Jerseys, Coats, and Ulsters, Sunshades and Umbrellas, Hats and Bonnets,
Flowers and Feathers, Silk and Suede Gloves, Mitts, &c., Ribbons, Laces, and Frillings, Ladies',
Children's and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes, Toys and Fancy Goods. Gent's Felt Hats,
newest Shapes.

W. POWELL & CO.

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Hongkong, 24th October, 1889

ROBERT LANG & CO.

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

WE have just opened out our NEW AUTUMN GOODS consisting of a large and choice
selection of COATINGS for MORNING and EVENING DRESS.

A very stylish lot of TWEEDS, new in design and material, and a varied assortment of
TROUSERING in all the newest patterns.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1889

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A. HAHN, PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.

ON HIRE PIANOS FOR SALE

Address: c/o HONGKONG HOTEL or No. 56, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1888.

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THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
STATUTORY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the
Company, No. 2, D'Aguilar Street, on THURS-
DAY, the 24th instant, at NOON.

By Order of the Directors,

J. A. BARRETT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1889. [103]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of
FOUR DOLLARS per Share is payable at the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or
on or before the 16th November, 1889.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. F. HARTON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1889. [104]

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of
TEN DOLLARS per Share in the above
Company is hereby made and is payable in the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
as follows:

Five Dollars per Share on the 15th November,
1889.

Five Dollars per Share on the 15th February,
1890.

Interest at the rate of 12% per annum will
be chargeable on all Calls unpaid on due dates.

By Order of the Board,

J. WHEELEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1889. [105]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS, SILVER,
SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.

No. 4, Queen's Road Central. [106]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE business hitherto carried on at "The
White House," Queen's Road Central,
under the style or title of "GATE & FAIRALL,"
has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

E. S. GATE.
B. FAIRALL.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1889. [108]

WITH reference to the above, the business
will in future be carried on under the
style of "GATE & CO.", who will pay and
receive all accounts in connection with the old
firm.

Miss FAIRALL will continue to Manage
the Dress-making Department until the 31st
December next.

E. S. GATE.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1889. [109]

NOTICE.

BY mutual arrangement the interest and
responsibility of LAM WAI SHEANG
in the firm of FOOK MOW, No. 26, Bonham
Strand, ceased on and from the 6th instant. The
Business is now being carried on as usual.

FOOK MOW HONG,

Cotton & Cotton Yarn Merchants.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1889. [106]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1889.

INFLUENZA.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS.

MANUFACTURES OF AERATED WATERS.

THE Factory is fitted with a powerful Steam Plant, the most complete and modern description. The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The following are manufactured daily:—
AERATED WATER, GINGER ALE, SODA WATER, SELTZER, LEMONADE, LITHIA, TONIC, SARSAPARILLA.

PHOSPHOZONE.

DAKIN'S PHOSPHOZONE.—A Delightful Tonic Beverage, free from Alcohol. Since its introduction to Public Notice as a First Class Substitute for Alcoholic Liquors, it has gained great popularity, and deservedly so, and we look forward with confidence to its general adoption where a pleasant stimulant beverage is required, without those injurious after effects common to Alcoholic stimulants.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, LONDON—HONGKONG—AMOY.

WATSON'S SOAPS.

WATSON'S PURE CARBOLIC SOAPS, THE BEST IN THE MARKET FOR MEDICINAL AND TOILET USE. Guaranteed to be made from absolutely pure 'Phenol,' or Carbolic Acid.

THESE SOAPS, being specially prepared for use in Tropical Climates, will be found most efficacious for cleansing and purifying the Skin, and for preventing contagion from Fevers of all kinds, and contagious diseases generally.

They act as a mild stimulant, as well as a depurative and diaphoretic; readily allay irritation of the Skin, cure and prevent prickly heat, and other Skin diseases prevalent in hot climates, and are strongly recommended for general use by all the leading and most eminent Medical Practitioners.

To be had in the following forms to suit all requirements:

STRONG MEDICINAL.

In Single Tablet Boxes.

WHITE, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

ROSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price 50 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, \$1.50.

MEDIUM.

Three Tablets in a Box.

ROSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 10 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price, \$1.50 per Box—3 Boxes, \$3.50.

TOILET SOAP.

Three Tablets in a Box.

ROSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 5 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT, guaranteed to contain 5 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price, 50 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, 32.

WATSON'S ANTISEPTIC DOG SOAP.

In Single Tablet Boxes.

BRINGS SUDDEN DEATH TO FLEAS AND ALL PRECIOUS PARASITES.

It is nevertheless perfectly harmless, and may be used without the least fear of any bad result on Dogs of any age, sex, or size.

Price 50 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, \$1.50.

WATSON'S PURE TRANSPARENT TOILET SOAPS.

Have attained a reputation in the Far East which makes them universal.

Toilet Requisites.

Guaranteed to be absolutely pure, and may be used by Ladies and Children with the most delicate Complexions and sensitive Skins, without any fear whatever of producing irritation, at any season of the year. Being practically dry and firm, they will be found most economical in use.

WATSON'S PURE TRANSPARENT Glycerine SOAP.

Guaranteed to contain the largest percentage of Pure Glycerine it is possible to introduce into any Soap. Specially recommended to all who have a very delicate Skin easily affected by wind and weather.

WATSON'S PURE OPAQUE TOILET SOAPS.

A varied assortment of favourite kinds; the principal difference between them being more or less of personal preference than of quality; all are pure, and the base of all is the same; but the perfumes differ. New kinds will be introduced from time to time, as occasion requires.

PLEASE OBSERVE.—Each Tablet bears our Name and Trade Mark, without which none are genuine.

Ask for Special Bill giving full particulars of all the different Soaps we make.

We also keep in stock a great variety of the following well-known Soaps—

ATKINSON'S, CALVERT'S, COLGATE'S, LUBINS, PEARS, &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. Hongkong, 2nd September, 1889.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1889.

TELEGRAMS.

THE KAISER AND THE CZAR.

LONDON, October 11th. The Czar has landed at Kiel and gone to Berlin.

The Emperor of Germany lunched on board the *Northumberland* during his visit to Kiel.

CROWNED HEADS ON THE MOVE. October 18th.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany visit the King of Italy, and afterwards proceed to Athens. The Czar has returned to Petersburg.

SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY. The British South African Company has been incorporated by Royal Charter, and will exploit the region between Bechuanaland, the Transvaal, and Portuguese territory. The Crown retains the right to take over after twenty-five years.

(From the *Comercio*). SPAIN.

MADRID, October 4th.

At the last meeting of the Ministry the scheme for the reform of the system of teaching in the Philippines, the winding-up of the Espafol-Philippine Bank, and the further colonisation by emigrants of the Peninsula, were approved.

On the re-assembling of the Cortes, when the estimates for the subsidy of the Visayas cable come up, Sefor Clavel will advocate the laying of a cable between Bolinao and Hongkong.

A TYPHOON REPORTED.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PALESTINE has a population of about 500,000, of whom only 35,000 are Jews.

UNUSUALLY heavy rains have fallen in Manila lately. The Vicar Capitular has ordered extra prayers and collections!

The inward mail will be open until five p.m. on Wednesday, as the *Peshawar* does not leave until daylight on Thursday.

ACCORDING to a telegram the Spanish Government are facilitating emigration to the Philippines, and Mindanao in particular.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Oct. 20th, are:—Europeans 128, Chinese 1,911; total, 2,041.

IN the steamer *City of New York* there are eighteen electric lamp circuits, with a total of seven and one-half miles of wire and 1,117 lamps.

ALL jurors who have been summoned to these Sessions, with the exception of those sitting to-day, will be required to attend at the Supreme at ten to-morrow.

We are informed by the agent of the Messagers Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Djemna*, with the next French mail, left Saigon for this port at 10 a.m. yesterday.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Wednesday, the 23rd Inst., at 8.30 for 9 a.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

ONE paper-mill in England, at Settingbourne, manufactures enough paper every year to put a belt around the world some 100 inches in width. One of the constituents of this paper is *esparto* grass, which is brought in great bales from America.

ARTISTIC FRIEND.—And so you are to be married? Miss Marie Billiken (struggling artist)—Yes; it is simply impossible to sell a picture with such a name as Billiken on it, and so I have accepted the heart and hand of a grocery clerk named De La Croix.

MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO. inform us that the E. and A. S. Co.'s steamer *Atria* left Sydney for this port on the 10th inst., and may be expected to arrive on the 1st proximo. The same Company's steamer *Tannadice* left Singapore on the 18th inst. for this port, and is expected on the 24th.

PROFESSOR FRESENIUS of Wiesbaden, after a long series of chemical analyses, declares that an egg contains as much nourishment as a pound and an ounce of cherries, a pound and a quarter of grapes, a pound and a half of russet apples, two pounds of gooseberries, and four pounds of pears, and that 114 pounds of grapes, 127 pounds of russet apples, 192 pounds of pears and 327 pounds of plums are equal in nourishment to 100 pounds of potatoes.

THE Russian nobles, says the New York *SMH*, are rushing to bankruptcy in great numbers. The credit bank for lending money to them on mortgage of their land, established by the Government two or three years ago, has now no less than 2000 estates which will have to be sold by public auction at the end of this year for non-payment of interest on loans. The question is, Who will buy this enormous amount of property? If neither the banks nor the Government buy it, there will be 2000 noble land-owners ruined by an institution which was established by the Government for their special help.

AN acting foreman engaged in some works of the Peak Building Co. near Mount Gap had a some difference of opinion on Saturday with the European overseer of buildings of that company as to what colored bricks, red or blue, would be most attractive to the eye on a wall which the former was building. The European overseer voted for red, and the Chinaman thought that blue looked better. While the argument was proceeding, the Chinaman kept on piling up blue bricks, while the overseer, like Penelope, pulled them down again as soon as finished; this getting to be monotonous, the acting foreman gave the traditional orders to his foremen to "up guards and at them!" a quotation which caused the Occidental to land head foremost into a lot of mortar lying conveniently by. War would have been imminent,—but a mouthful of mortar and slush water is not the proper incentive for pugilistic encounters, and so the valiant overseer concluded that he had better appeal to the authorities and ask them to decide whether red bricks were more attractive to lovers of the picturesque, or blue. Mr. Wodehouse was the gentleman who was asked this morning at the Police Court to arbitrate upon the momentous question, and his artistic qualifications impelled him to vote for red. To impress this matter more clearly on the acting foreman's mind, this worthy was asked to subscribe twenty-five dollars to assist his rival artist in procuring a new wash, which had either been lost or damaged in the fracas amidst the mortar-bed. An colour of six weeks' hard labor to study up another colour was also granted to the acting foreman in default of the payment of his subscription.

We observe that a lot of new chairs have been put in the Police Court in place of the dilapidated ones, which have been a martyrdom to sit upon for the past few months: The Government is getting awfully extravagant.

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"Aureole" "Waldstein" Soderman.

"Alfred and Valdina" "The Homeless" Hause.

"Musical Kriegslied" "A Hunting Scene" Burzio.

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Tally-ho! full cry, the return home

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19.—"Filial piety is exaggerated into delification of parents."

20.—"The net result of Confucius' system, as drawn by himself, is the worship of genius, &c., delification of man."

21.—"There is, with the exception of ancestral worship, which is void of any true ethical value, no clear conception of the dogma of immortality."

22.—"All rewards are expected in this world, so that egoism is unconsciously fostered, and if not avarice, at least ambition." The open avowal of a selfish motive in all acts of merit sometimes leads to curious results. In the month of April, 1889, the prefect of Hangchow attempted to raise funds for the sufferers from the Yellow River floods, by levying a tax on each cup of tea sold in the tea-houses of that great city. To the enlightened people of that ancient capital this assessment presented itself in a light similar to that in which the Bostonians of 1773 regarded the tea tax of their day. The prefect endeavoured to win the people over by a proclamation, in which they were informed that "happiness was sure to be their reward, if they cheerfully contributed to so excellent a cause." The people, however, boycotted the tea-shops, and were in the end entirely victorious. It is not every day that we are treated to the spectacle of a city full of people banded together to resist compulsory "happiness!"

23.—"The whole system of Confucianism offers no comfort to ordinary mortals, either in life or in death."

24.—"The history of China shows that Confucianism is incapable of effecting for the people a new birth to a higher life and noble efforts, and Confucianism is now in practical life quite alloyed with Shamanistic and Buddhist ideas and practices."

Of the strange intermixtures of different forms of faith in China we have already spoken. That neither Confucianism nor either of its co-religions is capable of "giving for the people a new birth to a higher life, and noble efforts," is well recognised by the Chinese themselves. This is strikingly shown in one of their tablets, the literary authorship of which we have not ascertained. According to this account, Confucius, Lao-tze, and Buddha met one-day in the land of the Immortals, and were lamenting the fact that in those degenerate times their excellent doctrines did not seem to make any headway in the Central Empire. After prolonged discussion, it was agreed that the reason must be that while the doctrines themselves are recognised as admirable, human nature is inadequate to live up to them without a constant model. It was accordingly decided that each of the founders of these schools of instruction should materialise himself, go down to earth, and try to find some one who could do what it was necessary to have done. This was at once carried into effect, and in process of time, while wandering about the earth, Confucius came on an old man of venerable appearance, who however did not rise on the approach of the sage, but inviting the latter to be seated, he soon engaged him in a conversation on the doctrines of antiquity, and the degree to which they were at that time neglected in practice. In his discourse the old man shewed such profound acquaintance with the tenets of the ancients, and displayed such vast penetration of judgment that Confucius was greatly delighted, and after a long interview retired. But even when the sage took his leave, the old man did not rise. Having found Lao-tze and Buddha, who had been altogether unsuccessful in their search, Confucius related to them his adventure, and recommended that each of them should in turn visit the sitting philosopher, and ascertain whether he was as well versed in their doctrines as in those of Confucius. To his unmixed delight, Lao-tze found the old man to be almost as familiar with the tenets of Taoism as its founder, and a model of eloquence and fervour. Like Confucius Lao-tze was struck by the fact that although maintaining a most respectful attitude the old man did not rise from his place. It was now the turn of Buddha, who met with the same surprising and gratifying success. The old man still did not rise, but he exhibited an insight into the inner meaning of Buddhism, such as had not been seen for ages. When the three founders of religion met to consult, they were unanimously of the opinion that this rare and astonishing old man was the very one, not only to recommend each of the "three religions," but also to demonstrate that the "three religions" are really one. Accordingly they all three once more presented themselves before the old man, in company with each other. They explained the object of their previous visits, and the lofty hopes which the old man's wisdom had excited, that through him all three religions might be revived, and at last reduced to practice. The old man still seated, listened respectfully and attentively, and replied as follows: "Venerable sages, your benevolence is high as heaven and deep as the seas. Your plan is admirably profound in its wisdom. But you have made an unfortunate selection in the agent through whom you wish to accomplish this mighty reform. It is true that I have looked into the books of Reason, and of the Law, and into the Classics. It is also true that I have a partial perception of their sublimity and unity. But there is one circumstance of which you have not taken account. Perhaps you are not aware of it. It is only from my youth upward that I am a man, before that point, I am made of stone. My forte is to discuss the duties of man from all the various points of view, but I am so unfortunately constituted that I can never reduce any of them to practice." Confucius, Lao-tze, and Buddha sighed deeply, and vanished from the earth, and since that day no effort has been made to find a mortal who is able to exhibit in his life the teachings of the three religions.

A comparison has often been made between the condition of China at the present time and that of the Roman Empire during the first century of our era. That the moral state of China is far higher than that of the Roman Empire then, scarcely admits of a rational doubt, but in China, as in Rome, religious faith has reached the point of decay. Of China it might be said, as Gibbon remarked of Rome, that to the common people all religions are equally true, to the philosopher all are equally false, and to the magistrate all are equally useful. Of the Emperor of China, as of the Roman Emperor, it might be affirmed that he is "at once a high-priest, an atheist, and a god." To such a state of Confucianism, mixed with polytheism and pantheism, brought the empire—N. C. Daily News.

FOOCHOW.

The continued drought here portends an utter failure of the rice crops, and consequently great distress amongst the farmers and dear food for the poor in the neighbourhood.

No news of any kind having reached us for some time regarding the late disturbances in the interior, it was to be presumed that all was quiet again, and this is now confirmed by the return of the troops to the city. A report comes simultaneously that the villagers in the vicinity of the late encampments are not a little pleased to be rid of them.

Business in general all over the country is reported to be in a very bad state; most of the shops from the bridge to the city are said to be unable to earn enough to pay for their rice and salt fish for the day. Such is very likely to be the case indeed, with the great reduction shown in this year's tea business as compared with that of last season, trouble was rather to be expected.

The prosperity of the port is really dependent in a great measure on the tea business.

This port is certainly most unfortunately situated as regards the receipt and despatch of its mails. Dependent upon any chance steamer to bring up the inward mail from Hongkong, we are frequently kept without it for an unconsciously long time. Our latest written dates from London are 16th August, that is to say fifty days ago, while they might easily have reached us in thirty-four days. It is nearly as bad with the outward mails, for their despatch is dependent in like manner on the erratic movements of the southward-bound steamers. For the P. & O. mail leaving Hongkong on the 9th instant, there has been no opportunity of posting letters since the 30th ultimo; those who relied upon a later chance have, of course, missed the mail altogether. —*Echo.*

PEKING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

5th October, 1889.

The serious illness of His Imperial Highness Prince Kung was lately noticed in your columns in an extract from your northern contemporary. One of the American students medically educated at Tientsin was lately sent up by the Viceroy Li to attend Prince Ch'ün for slight paralysis of the left arm, and I hear with pleasure that the Prince has been receiving benefit from the use of the galvanic machine. The student was recommended to the sixth Prince, otherwise called Prince Kung, and paid one visit, but the Prince having already been under the care of Dr. Duggeon and one of his assistants, Mr. En, now in practice in the west of the city, did not see the propriety of making any change, preferring to consult those if necessary who already treated His Highness. The native doctors had by their treatment brought the Prince to the very verge of the grave, when Mr. En, who happened to be in attendance on some of the members of the family, prescribed for the illustrious patient and with the happiest success. He has now quite recovered and what is more gratifying, the symptoms of his old malady have, for the present at least, entirely disappeared. And in the face of this and previous treatment, the *Chinese Times* writes about Mr. Mai's attendance being the nearest approach which a Prince of the Blood has yet made to submitting to foreign medical treatment and even hints at professional jealousy! These remarks of mine are made partly to correct a wrong impression but chiefly to mention that the Prince has conferred a sixth (white) button with valuable presents of silk, money, etc., upon Mr. En. Dr. Duggeon received valuable presents some little time ago.

Hal-ch'en, Manchu President of the Board of Civil Office and member of the Foreign Office, has just died at the early age of 42.

I hear that H.E. the Russian Minister and party return at once to Peking.

I hear it reported that the Telegraphic Convention with Russia has been signed at Tientsin by the Viceroy, and that it has been forwarded to Peking to be signed by the Tsung-li Yamen.

The construction of railways for the present at least seems to be stopped. The fire in the Temple of Heaven and the necessity of borrowing foreign money in their construction are the two levers that have been used to overthrow the scheme. Memorials on both heads have been sent in—on the latter subject by Kuang-ki-fang, an influential official, and on the former by comparatively insignificant individuals. Without a large foreign loan, railways are impossible in China. My prognostications therefore have already been more than realised. China should now direct attention to the opening of her coal and iron mines, which seem almost as important as, if not more important than railways. Her rivers and canals need attending to, deepening and embanking.

The weather has already become quite cold. Yesterday we had a typical Peking day—a cold northerly wind with plenty of dust. Our first auction took place yesterday, of the effects of the *Chargé d'Affaires* returning soon to Europe. A meeting at the club took place yesterday after the auction, to decide whether or not scratch races should be held this autumn. I learn by telegram that H.E. the German Minister left Genoa per *s.s. Sachsen* on September 30th at noon.

The *Shen-pao* published lately the statistics of the population of China for the year 1887 from the return of the Board of Revenue, giving the population as 302,441,969, shewing an increase of population over the previous year of 1,153,851. It is needless to observe that the above is not the population of China but only of some thirteen provinces.—*N. C. Daily News.*

Peking, October 7th, 1889.

Bon von Kitzler, German Chargé d'Affaires, is off home, and his household effects were sold by auction on the 5th instant.

A telegram has reached here from Berlin, stating that Mr. von Brandt, German Minister, left Germany for Peking at noon on the 7th.

Great preparations are being made for the anniversary of the fiftieth birthday of Prince Chun, which will occur on the 15th instant. An event of this kind will not only be something grand in Peking, but a great day all over China amongst the officials. It would have been a grand affair had it not been for the Fifth Prince dying in January last, for whom they are still in mourning.

Prince Kung is again well, for which he may thank Dr. Lin, a pupil of Dr. John Duggeon who instructed his pupil in this case. For his attendance on the Prince, Her Majesty has been pleased to decorate Dr. Lin with a 5th rank button, cock's feather and official dress; and Prince Kung added Tis. 100.

Dr. Duggeon and his pupils are making a name for themselves, as they are daily attending on some high official or another. It must be very pleasing to Dr. Duggeon to know that his twenty years' labour is not in vain, but on the contrary highly satisfactory, and it must be encouraging to other medical missionaries in China. Dr. Duggeon has certainly been the means of doing much good, which the general public are not aware of. He has been the means of promoting Chinese and foreign intercourse, especially amongst the high official class at Peking, both Manchu and Chinese. The wonderful change which has taken place here inside and outside the palace mostly due to the Marquis Teng and Dr. Duggeon. Your Tientsin contemporary knows all this, but appears to have a bitter feeling against both of them, and that is why they wrote that infamous and lying libel in August last, but they only hurt themselves by doing so.

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1889. [1308]

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

20th October, 1889.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barometer in inches and millibars	Temp. in °F.	Wind.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Wind at Sea
Whampoa	30.69	45	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Tokio	30.74	45	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Nagasaki	30.75	45	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Shanghai	30.82	57	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Amoy	30.97	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Macao	30.98	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Hankow	30.98	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Vanu	30.81	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Amping	30.91	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05

21st October, 1889.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Barometer in inches and millibars	Temp. in °F.	Wind.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Wind at Sea
Whampoa	30.64	46	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Tokio	30.74	46	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Nagasaki	30.75	46	W	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Shanghai	30.82	57	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Amoy	30.97	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Macao	30.98	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Hankow	30.98	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
Vanu	30.81	65	S	50	SW	5	0	0.05
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Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—184 per cent.
premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$110 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—\$130 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$135 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$382 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, premium, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—65 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$39 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—1021 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$210 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—\$501.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. div., buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$67 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$235 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$62 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$111 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$110 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.

Punjum and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$12 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$160 per share, sellers.

Tanquin Coal Mining Co.—\$500 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent. prem., sellers.

Diamond Queen, British ship, for San Francisco.

Devarwongse, British str., for Swatow, &c.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Autine, German steamer, for Hoihow.

Active, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.

Palamed, British steamer, for Singapore.

Harvest Queen, British ship, for San Francisco.

Devarwongse, British str., for Swatow, &c.

DEPARTURES.

October 19, Ninghow, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

October 20, Active, German steamer, for Ilolo.

October 20, China, German str., for Swatow.

October 20, Johann, German steamer, for Hoihow.

October 20, Mongku, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

October 20, Catherine, Danish brig, for Meisano.

October 20, Cheang Hye Teng, British str., for Amoy.

October 21, Ajax, British steamer, for Singapore.

October 21, Clara, German steamer, for Haiphong.

October 21, Taiter, German steamer, for New-chwang.

October 21, Riversdale, British steamer, for Madras.

October 21, Canton, British str., for Swatow, &c.

October 21, Arratoon Afcar, British str., for Singapore.

October 21, Nantes le Havre, French steamer, for Kobe.

October 21, Diamante, British str., for Amoy, &c.

October 21, Palamed, British str., for Singapore, &c.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Memnon, str., from Sandakan—Captain McConachy, Captain Parker, Mr. Leiben, and 8 Chinese.

Per Tatsang, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. T. Groves, second officer and crew of the steamship Whampoa from Swatow; and 268 Chinese.

Per Brindisi, str., from London, &c.—Mr. P. C. Anna, and 165 Chinese.

Per Chowta, str., from Bangkok.—60 Chinese.

Per Soochow, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—41 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Johann, str., for Hoihow.—50 Chinese.

Per Clara, str., for Haiphong.—23 Chinese.

Per China, str., for Swatow.—25 Chinese.

Per Cheang Hye Teng, str., for Amoy.—250 Chinese.

Per Ajax, str., for Singapore, &c.—125 Chinese.

Per Stentor, str., for Amoy.—2 Europeans and 32 Chinese.

Per Mongku, str., for Swatow, &c.—100 Chinese.

REPORT.

The British steamer Chowta reports that she left Bangkok on the 15th instant, and Koo-chiang on the 17th. Had light southerly winds and fine weather all the passage.

The British steamer Memnon, reports that she left Sandakan on the 15th instant. Had fine weather and light northerly breeze, to north; thence to port, had fresh north-east monsoon and moderate sea.

The British steamer Tatsang reports that she left Shanghai on the 16th instant, and Swatow on the 19th. Had thick rainy weather to Ockewa; thence to port fine clear weather. This steamer Whampoa disabled, 6 miles to the westward of the Lannocks, loss of rudder. The Company's steamer Sungkang left Amoy on the 19th instant to her assistance.

The British steamer Profonitis reports that she left Kuchinotou on the 16th instant at 10 a.m. Whilst crossing the Eastern Sea, had light variable winds and dull cloudy weather with heavy rain. Passed Ockewa Island Light on the 19th at 6.45 p.m. Throughout the forenoon had light to fresh north-east winds and fine clear weather. From Breaker Point to arrival had fresh east-north-east winds and cloudy weather with light showers.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Fatahan, British steamer, 2,260, S. W. Goggins, & Co., Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Hawke, British steamer, 2,235, Lloyd—Butterfield & Swire.

Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, G. B. Lefevre—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Kin-kang, British steamer, 617, W. E. Clarke—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Klung-chow, British steamer, 288, McIver—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Paris, Chinese steamer, 284, J. W. Stewart—Tok Kee (laid up for repairs).

Kiang-ting, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—China Merchants S. N. Co.

Powah, British steamer, 1,400, J. P. Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

White Cloud, British steamer, 157, W. J. Kirby—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED, Hongkong, 1st May, 1889.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Hoihow, Singapore, and Bangkok, 10 a.m., Tatsang, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki—Per Apennae, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Sandakan and Kudat—Per Memnon, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Saigon—Per Ingulan, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Europe, &c., India, via Bombay—Per Pishawar, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Foochow, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver—Per Batavia, on Thursday, the 24th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per Ancona, on Thursday, the 24th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per Neckar, on Sunday, the 27th instant, at 9.00 A.M.

For Straits Settlements—Per Bellona, on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius—Per Nata, on Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Bendixen, 19th October—Hoihow, 18th Oct., General—Wieder & Co.

APENKRITZ, German steamer, 1,476, J. Hohmann, 16th Oct.—Koh-ki-chang, 19th Oct., Rice—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

BATAVIA, British steamer, 1,664, J. C. Williamson, 15th Sept., put back—Mails and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer, 3,582, Wm. Ward, 18th Oct.—San Francisco 21st Sept., and Yokohama 12th Oct., Mails and General—P. H. S. S. Co.

DEVONGE, British steamer, 1,577, P. H. Loft, 16th Oct.—Bangkok 10th October, General—Vuen Fat Hong.

DORIS, German steamer, 771, J. Raben, 10th Oct.—Touron 16th Oct., Salt and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,172, A. Stapani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 18th Oct.—Foochow 15th October, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

HELEN RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,008, Hess, 15th Oct.—Batoum and Singapore, 4th Sept., Kerosene Oil—Melchers & Co.

KIKI, German steamer, 1,502, W. Kuitfeld, 17th Oct.—Saigon 12th Oct., General—Wieder & Co.

INGRABAN, German steamer, 876, R. Maissmann, 18th Oct.—Saigon 14th October, Rice—Wieder & Co.

PHU QUOC, French steamer, 183, Vallin, 29th Sept.—Touon 20th Sept., Coals—Wing Tak & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stapani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

PORT FAIRY, British steamer, 1,644, J. Clark, 17th Oct.—Vancouver 20th Sept., General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PROFONITIS, British steamer, 1,387, Wm. H. Farrand, 21st Oct.—Kuchinotou 16th Oct., Coals and General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TAICHOW, British steamer, 862, Morris, 12th October—Koh-ki-chang 4th October, Rice and Timber—Yuen Fat Hong.

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